

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF OCTOBER 26TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Tuesday, October 26th, 1937.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Blakeman attended the meeting.

Captain Lomax, State Tobacco Inspector and a delegation of Buyers, including Mr. W. H. Winstead, Mr. George Sachse, Mr. Carl W. Prior, Mr. Hardy C. Gieske, Mr. S. V. Ward, Mr. Frederick Spraeener and Mr. George Gardiner, appeared before the Board and inquired whether it would be possible in the renovating of the Tobacco Warehouse to add two additional stories at this time as originally contemplated. Captain Lomax and the Delegation advised the Board of the need for additional space.

The Board stated that the appropriation for the work was \$115,000.00, and that while it was originally contemplated that the work of renovating the old Warehouse included the addition of two stories, it was found that the appropriation was not sufficient to permit of the additional construction. The Delegation was advised that the work which would be done with the \$115,000.00 would make the entire Warehouse available for the storage of tobacco at this time, and at the same time the structure would be strong enough to permit of the addition of two stories at some later date.

The Board stated it was in sympathy with the purpose of the Delegation, and that recommendation would be made to the next Legislature to include in its construction program the addition of the two stories which it was not possible to erect at this time out of the current appropriation.

The Delegation stated it appreciated fully the reasons why it is not possible for the Board to arrange for the additional space at this time, and thanked the Board for its attitude about recommending the addition of the two stories through the next Construction Program.

A Delegation from the City of Annapolis in the interest of the State Office Building, including Messrs. McCready, Burwell, Jackson, Dr. Welch, Martin, Mrs. Abraham Moss, and Mr. Armstrong, appeared before the Board in connection with the obtaining of a site for the proposed building. The Delegation stated it recommended the site on the north side of College Avenue from Bladen Street to the Post Office, and explained at length its interest in the proposed building. The Delegation was headed by Mayor Louis N. Phipps, of Annapolis.

The Board assured the Delegation that it was not committed to any particular site, although it wanted to obtain the most desirable site from the State's standpoint, and that in order to secure information as to possible sites would have the Architects which had been selected visit Annapolis and get information on any sites which in their opinion would be desirable for the building. The Delegation assured the Board that it was not insisting on the site on College Avenue, but that it thought the site was desirable, and that its main purpose was to assist the Board of Public Works in its work of securing a site and erecting a building thereon.

The Board approved the execution of a contract with Messrs. Laurence Hall Fowler and Henry P. Hopkins, covering their commission as Architects for the new State Office Building.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a complaint in connection with salaries paid to employees of the State Tobacco Warehouse, it being claimed that some of the employees were not receiving salaries on a restored basis.

The Board stated it was the intention that salaries of all employees be restored and that any adjustments necessary in the pay of the personnel of the State Tobacco Warehouse should be made in accordance with the Board's policy.

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The Secretary took up with the Board an offer made by Frank M. Kleis, Sculptor, Severna Park; Maryland, to give to the State a statue of the late Governor Ritchie, which he had made.

The Board felt that it should have the opinion of the Governor Ritchie Memorial Commission in connection with the acceptance of this statue, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate with Colonel Janney, Chairman of the Commission, and advise him of the offer of the statue and secure his views as to the acceptance of it.

The following statement relating to the Reserve Fund was reviewed and approved by the Board -

STATEMENT SHOWING OPENING BALANCE IN 1937 RESERVE FUND TOGETHER WITH RECAPTURED FUNDS AND ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BE MADE BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Deficit Miscellaneous Appropriations #4, 1936, Item #11	\$362.72
Balance Miscellaneous Appropriation #4, 1937, Item #11	589.31
	<u>\$226.59</u>

Plus Recaptured Funds

Department of Legislative Reference	\$ 93.94
Central Purchasing Bureau	422.41
Hall of Records Commission	5.65
State Auditor	34.61
State Dept. of Mechanical Engineering	264.59
State Employment Commission	55.39
State Tax Commission	1,129.57
State Treasurer	1,044.10
Supt. Public Buildings and Grounds	1,549.00
Clerk, Court of Appeals	28.31
Court of Appeals of Maryland	25.21
Reporter, Court of Appeals	13.00
State Library	.14
Commissioner of Labor and Statistics	1.45
Commissioner of the Land Office	6.26
Maryland Bureau of Mines	8.76
Military Department	127.47
Parole Commissioner	3.34
State Insurance Department	3,750.00
Conservation Commission	.10
State Department of Health	598.20
Md. State Board of Motion Picture Censors	428.90
State Aviation Commission	3.02
Crownsville State Hospital	2,007.21
Eastern Shore State Hospital	1,265.43
Rosewood State Training School	78.20
Springfield State Hospital	315.95
Spring Grove State Hospital	.06
Maryland Penitentiary	24.17
Maryland Training School for Boys	1,194.05
State Board of Mental Hygiene	12.25
Bowie Normal School	.11
Md. Public Library Advisory Commission	.04
Public Schools	272.83

State Teachers College, Frostburg	.23	
State Teachers College, Salisbury	1.20	
State Aided Institutions	362.72	
		<u>\$15,127.87</u>

\$15,354.46

Less- Allocated by Board of Public Works

Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium	\$2,928.50	
Maryland Training School for Colored Girls	1,257.92	
Maryland State School for the Deaf	1,370.00	
St. Mary's Female Seminary	6,815.98	
		<u>12,372.40</u>

Balance Miscellaneous Appropriations #4, 1937, Item #11 \$2,982.06

Allocated by Board of Public Works, October 1938

To Miscellaneous Appropriations #2, "1938" Item #14	\$	
Maryland Tercentenary Commission - to St. Mary's Female Sem. for entrance	1,500.00	(10-21-40 27.34)
Board of Public Works, "1938", Item #10	1,482.06	
Total Amount Allocated		\$2,982.06

The Board approved an amendment to the Budget of the Military Department for the fiscal year 1938, relating to the positions of Military Storekeepers and Secretary-Stenographer.

The Board approved an amendment to the Budget of the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls for the fiscal year 1938, relating to salaries of Bookkeeper-Secretary and Parole Officers.

A letter addressed to the Governor by the Attorney General, under date of October 22nd, 1937, relative to the State's claim against the National Surety Company, based on its bond given to secure deposits in the Baltimore Trust Company and the Union Trust Company, together with the Governor's reply, dated October 25th, were read and considered -

The Board agreed to make available for expenses out of the Contingent Fund the sum of \$500.00, leaving to the Governor and the Attorney General the question of legal representation for the State in the prosecution of its claim in the New York Courts.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request for compensation for Edward D. E. Rollins, Attorney, Elkton, who is also State's Attorney, in connection with the collection of fees due the State by Albert G. Buckworth, former Sheriff of Cecil County.

The Board felt that it was without authority to authorize the payment to Mr. Rollins of any fee for the collection of this money, and directed the receipt of the full amount into the State Treasury.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the University Hospital, dated October 8th, 1937, in which permission was requested to charge off as uncollectible as of the close of business September 30th, 1937, miscellaneous Accounts Receivable, totaling \$12,634.68.

The Board approved the request.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. J. Hall Pleasants, Vice-President, Maryland Historical Society, addressed to the Governor, under date of October 9th, 1937, relative to the proposed sale by the Government of a lot in the Confederate Cemetery at Point Lookout, Maryland, and particularly with reference to the disposition of a monument on the lot, which was erected several years ago by the State of Maryland in memory of the Confederate Soldiers who are there buried.

The Board was of the opinion that the older State Monument should be removed and re-erected on the new cemetery tract, and authorized the Secretary to communicate with Dr. Pleasants and advise him accordingly, and ask him if it is possible to look after the details as to the removal with the Federal Government.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. David L. B. Fringer, Director, of the Maryland State Employment Service, suggesting that the Board will probably wish to consider making provision in the New State Office Building for the housing of the Annapolis Office of the Maryland State Employment Service.

The Board decided that this matter would receive due consideration at a later date.

The following letter from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, dated October 15th, 1937, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

October 15, 1937.

The Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Approval is requested for the purchase of approximately 1247 acres of woodland from Benjamin Moon of Preston County, West Virginia, at \$3. per acre, to be determined by our survey.

This tract joins the Swallow Falls State Forest, in Garrett County, and extends from the Forest boundary practically to the West Virginia line. It has been examined and found suitable for state forest purposes, entirely wooded, being well set with young growth, from which the larger, merchantable timber has been removed.

This will form a very substantial addition to the Swallow Falls State Forest which is the smallest of the three in Garrett County, bringing the acreage to approximately 5882 acres. These lands are similar to other lands acquired for forestry purposes in this section and at about the same average price.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

State Forester.

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The Board approved the purchase of the property as outlined in the foregoing letter.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Samuel E. Shannahan, Chairman of the Board of State Aid and Charities, dated October 18th, 1937, relative to an award made by the State Industrial Accident Commission in favor of Joseph Henry Turner, who was injured while employed by the Maryland Transient Bureau and the Maryland Federal Relief Administration.

The Board was of the opinion that it was without authority to enter into any agreement or settlement with Mr. Turner, and that any redress, which might be available to him would have to come from the General Assembly.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 18th, 1937, from the State Department of Health, suggesting that provision be made in the State Office Building for the office of the Deputy State Health Officer in Annapolis.

The Board agreed that this matter should be considered at a later date, when more definite plans were available as to the site and the size building to be erected.

The Board approved an amendment to the Budget of the State Comptroller's Office, for the fiscal year 1937, to adjust several items in that budget, which required an amendment.

The Board approved an amendment to the Budget of the Eastern Shore State Hospital for the fiscal year 1937, adjusting several items in that budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF NOVEMBER 9TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor, at Annapolis, Maryland on Tuesday, November 9th, 1937.

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, attended the meeting.

Mr. Thomas B. R. Mudd, Chairman of the Maryland Veterans' Commission, and a delegation, including General Milton A. Reckord, Major Robert H. Archer, Major Harwood and Major Wolman, appeared before the Board, in connection with the use of an unexpended balance to the credit of the Veterans' Relief Appropriation at September 30th, 1935 for use in the fiscal years 1938 and 1939, for certain expenses to be incurred in connection with services to be rendered in behalf of Veterans.

After discussion of the necessity for continuing the work on behalf of Veterans in securing for them disability compensation and other considerations to which they are entitled, the Board agreed that ^{when} the Maryland Veterans' Commission shall have presented to the Comptroller a statement satisfactory to him to the effect that the balance at September 30th, 1935 is necessary in connection with commitments incurred during the fiscal year 1935, the Board would then advise the Comptroller to make the money available to the Commission.

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Employ. Security*

The Secretary presented to the Board for approval a lease between the Maryland Re-employment Service and Frank Thomas and I. M. Parsons, covering space to be used by Maryland Re-employment Service in the Hurst Building at the N.W. Corner of Hopkins Place and Lombard Street, Baltimore, the space consisting of the entire first floor and the basement of the building, at an annual rental of \$10,800.00, plus repairs which are to be amortized over a period of three years, the rent for the first three years of the lease being at the rate of \$1580.00 per month, and for the remaining two years at \$900.00 per month, with the right of the State to renew the lease for another term of 5 years at the annual rental of \$10,800.00, payable in monthly installments of \$900.00.

The Board approved the lease.

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Records*

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. William B. Marye, Corresponding Secretary, Maryland Historical Society, relative to transferring from the State Tobacco Warehouse to the Maryland Historical Society some old tobacco records, the Society accepting the records as a loan to the Maryland Historical Society Library.

The Board approved the transfer of the records as indicated in the correspondence.
